Dispute over C. P. P. between MTNL, DoT and TRAI

2629. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) what is the current state of dispute between MTNL, DoT and TRAI over the Calling Party Pays (CPP) regime ;

(b) by when, there would be a settlement regarding this ;

(c) whether dispute settlement procedure can be evolved for future occurrence of such disputes; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR) : (a) and (b) The court case regarding CPP regime was disposed off by the Divisional Bench of Hon'ble High Court of Delhi by its final orders in the CWP No. 6543 dated 17-01-2000 wherein the telecommunication interconnection charges and revenue sharing (First amendment) Regulation 1999 (3 of 1999) issued by TRAI on 17th September, 1999 was quashed. Thus, as on date the CPP regime does not exist.

(c) and (d) The amendment to the TRAI Act provides for a dispute resolution by Telecom Disputes Settlement and Appellate Tribunal which is to be set up as per Section 14 of the amended TRAI Act.

Recommendations of Shukla Commission

2630. SHRI ARUN KUMAR SARMA : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the salient recommendation of the Shukla Commission on development of the Telecommunications in the North East in terms of PM's special package ; and

(b) the action taken, target fixed and achievement made so far in implementing each of the recommendations ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR) : (a) and (b) The salient recommendations of Shukla Commission on development of Telecommunications in the North East in terms of PM's special package and the status against these recommendations are given below :